MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*) All the buses of the Transport Department have got dynamos and all of them are in good condition.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I ask why many of the Transport buses are being run on the first gear both from Trivandrum to Nagercoil and from Nagercoil to Trivandrum? Is it because the dynamos are weak?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I am sure the dynamos are absolutely reliable and strong.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I ask what the Honourable member meant by the word dynamo? (*Laughter*).

PRESIDENT: The more necessary question would be to ask the Honourable member what he meant by first gear, because, it is impossible to run on that gear from Trivandrum to Nagercoil.

Transport buses discarded as unserviceable.

44. ❋ MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state how many Transport buses are discarded as unserviceable from the date of introduction of the Transport service to 15th Vykasi 1113?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: None.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Has it been brought to the notice of Government that many of the Transport buses often go out of order and the passengers have to wait until help arrives?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government have no information that many of the buses often go out of order; if a bus or two occasionally get out of order, that is perfectly natural, and there is nothing unusual in it.

Collision of State Transport Buses.

45. ❋ MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any collision between the Travancore Transport Buses resulting in any danger or injuries to the buses or the passengers;

(*b*) if so, the date on which it took place and the buses involved in the incident;

(*c*) if the buses had thus collided the amount of loss incurred thereby and whether any action was taken against the drivers responsible for it; and

(*d*) if any action has been taken, what it is?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) There was a collision between two buses of the Transport Department at Karamana in which both the vehicles were slightly damaged but no injury was caused to passengers.

(*b*) 21-7-1113, between C. P. 41 and C. P. 2.

(*c*) & (*d*) The repairs to the vehicles were carried out in the departmental workshops and the amount involved is negligible. The driver responsible for the collision was dismissed for negligent driving.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ബസ്സുകൾ തിരിച്ചറിയുന്നതി നുവേണ്ടി സി. പി. ർ ഫ. സി. പി. ൾ. എന്നങ്ങനെയുള്ള നമ്പരു കൾ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. അതു മാറിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The question of registration of these buses has already engaged the attention of the Police Commissioner, and the Transport Superintendent is awaiting T. V. R. Nos. for the transport buses; in the interval, till the receipt of the T. V. R. Nos., in order to enable the individual buses being identified, these C. P. Nos. have been given. "C. P." is a contraction for "Commer Perkins," the maker of these vehicles.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ഈ നമ്പരുകൾ യാത്രക്കാർക്കു കാണത്തക്ക വിധത്തിലാണോ വച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I should think these numbers must be in a prominent and observable part of the vehicle.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ഇതിലേ പോകുന്ന ബസ്സുകളിൽ ഉള്ള നമ്പരുകൾ അയിഡൻറിഫൈ ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതെങ്ങനെ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I have not cared to look into the numbers of these vehicles; I thought it was the function of the Police department.

Appointments in the Transport Department.

46. ✻ MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement by caste of the following employees in the State Transport Department, stating therein the number in each group, who are natives of Neyyattinkara taluk;

(1) Division Inspectors,
(2) Checking Inspectors,
(3) Conductors,
(4) Drivers,
(5) Parcel Clerks,
(6) Office staff, and
(7) Mechanics?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The Transport Department is mainly a commercial Department and no question of representation of various communities arises. The trouble involved in collecting these statistics is not commensurate with the possible benfit to be gained.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Are there ary other commercial departments in the State?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I do not think there is any other department in the State which is a commercial department, pure and simple as the Transport department is.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : May I know what the honourable member means by commercial department?

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